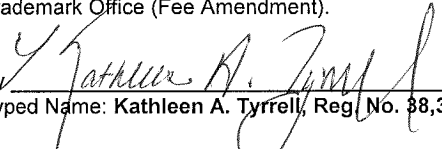


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At the outset, Applicants would like to thank Examiners Palenik and Woodward for the courtesy of the Telephone Interview conducted on January 30, 2009. This reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2008 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response and to issues discussed during the January 30, 2009 interview.

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